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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANT: Samofalov et al                      GROUP ART UNIT: 2627  
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TITLE: MAGNETIC RECORDING HEAD AND METHOD FOR HIGH  
COERCIVITY MEDIA, EMPLOYING CONCENTRATED STRAY  
MAGNETIC FIELDS

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AA    United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0111614  
AB    United States Patent No. 4,649,449  
AC    United States Patent No. 2,774,935  
AD    United States Patent No. 2,428,449  
AL    DE 38 21 284 A1  
AM    JP 61-269204

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Each of the above references was cited in a Search Report dated June 13, 2007 rendered by the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

Copies of References AL and AM are also submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

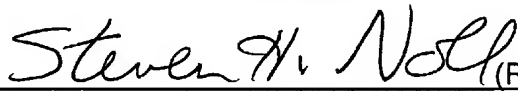
Translations of References AL and AM are not readily available to the Applicants, however, each of those references has an English Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary. Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each of the above references was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Early consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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